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SUBJECT: FULL LAO DELEGATION NAMED FOR VISIT TO HANOI

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1. THE LAO PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WHICH WILL TRAVEL TO HANOI ON FEBRUARY 5 FOR AN "OFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP VISIT" IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

A. KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE, PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL AND PRIME MINISTER- CHIEF OF DELEGATION;

B. NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE - DEPUTY CHIEF OF DELEGATION;

C. KHAMTAY SIPHANDONE, PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COM-

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MANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY;

D. MAYSOUK SAYSOMPHENG, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEMBER AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE;

E. SISANA SISANE, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AL-
TERNATE MEMBER AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION, PROPAGANDA,
CULTURE AND TOURISM;

F. KHAMPHAY BOUPHA, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND LAO AMBASSADOR TO HANOI;

G. THONGSAVATH KHAYKHAMPHITHOUN, SECRETARY OF
STATE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

THE STAFF OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDES EXPERTS ON THE
MILITARY BUDGET AND ON THE ECONOMY.

2. THE CHARGE HAS BEEN INVITED, WITH THE REST OF THE
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEPARTURE
CEREMONY FOR THE DELEGATION AT 0900 FEBRUARY 5.

3. COMMENT : THIS IS CERTAINLY A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION,
INCLUDING AS IT DOES KAYSONE, NOUHAK AND KHAMTAY, TO
ALL APPEARANCES THE THREE MOST POWERFUL MEN IN LAOS.
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE LAO ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
THE WHOLE RANGE OF LAO-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS, PRESUMABLY
WITH EMPHASIS ON FURTHER DRV ASSISTANCE TO THE PDRL.
MAYSOUK RETURNED ONLY LAST WEEKEND FROM MOSCOW, WHERE
HE REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT FOR SOVIET
ASSISTANCE TO LAOS IN 1976 AND 1977.
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